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Dear Parents/Guardian,

The Prom activities soon will be here and so will the possibility that your kids may be offered alcohol and/or drugs as part of their celebration. As parents, you are the most important prevention specialist in their lives.

Research shows that every day kids confirm the fact that you, the parents, make a critical difference in whether they use alcohol or drugs. When they are faced with the choice to use alcohol or drugs or not, the relationship between you and your child will be the most important determining factor. Your influence is the strongest. Parents remember - you are the most important group in the fight against kid use of alcohol and drugs.

You can make a huge difference in your kid's life. Here are a few helpful prom tips (for everyday also).

- ♦ Set clear rules and discuss in advance what expectations of behavior you have and what the consequences will be if violated.
- ♦ Set a curfew time for Prom. It may be negotiated, but it should be strictly enforced.
- ♦ Set clear rules about no alcohol or drug use.
- ♦ Absolutely no riding with someone who has been using alcohol or other drugs.
- ♦ Make sure that if they go to a party, that you contact the parents. Make clear to the parents your expectations of no alcohol or drug use at the party and that you expect that there will be adult supervision at all times.
- ♦ Do not allow your kids to go to hotels, motels or after Prom parties. This is trouble waiting to happen.
- ♦ Be awake when your kid gets home. Ask questions.
- ♦ **Remember, providing alcohol to non-family minors at home parties is illegal. It could result in a fine up to \$425 per child.**

Let's make this Prom a happy, fun experience for all kids. It begins with you, the parents, by setting limits and boundaries and communicating these expectations to your kids.

Respectfully,

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